

War Veterans, as well as from the city of Bayonne, the New Jersey Assembly, and the New Jersey Senate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank P. Perrucci on behalf of the city of Bayonne for all his hard work in the community. I am truly proud to have such an outstanding citizen living in the 13th Congressional District. Please also join me in praising Mr. Perrucci and the Concerned Citizens of Bayonne Organization for 25 years of dedication and commitment.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
CELEBRATES DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I have often stood before you commending the virtues and contributions of America's veterans. However, today I would like to bring to your attention another, equally important group which performs many vital services for America's veterans, our communities, and our Nation at large.

This year, the American Legion Auxiliary celebrates its Diamond Jubilee. Since 1920, the Auxiliary has grown from a membership of 11,000 women to its current count of approximately 973,000 dedicated volunteers. With a motto of Service, not Self, the American Legion Auxiliary members have for 75 years exemplified the American ideals of philanthropy and patriotism through their many worthwhile endeavors. From lobbying Congress in grass roots campaigns for such issues as proper compensation for America's veterans and the G.I. Bill of Rights, to fund-raising projects which have generated millions of dollars for organizations including the American Cancer Society and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Legion Auxiliary serves not only veterans, but its entire national community.

The American Legion Auxiliary looks to the past, the present, and the future as well. Auxiliary members were participants in the untiring efforts on behalf of disabled veterans, which eventually resulted in the establishment of Veterans Administration, as well as a system of modern Veterans Administration Medical Centers. As a result of these actions, the contributions and needs of disabled veterans are assured of their proper recognition and attention. In addition, the Auxiliary helps to prepare young women for lives of civil service through the Girls' State programs. In these programs, high school junior are selected, on the basis of their interest in government and their leadership potential, to attend a session during which they create and operate a government of their own. Each year, two citizens for each State session are chosen to participate in the Girls' Nation program in Washington, DC, functioning as our Federal Government would. Though these programs, the young women are encouraged to pursue their governmental interests, as well as to further develop confidence and speaking skills which will be valuable them in all their future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself, I understand what it means to know that organizations such as the American Legion Auxiliary exist to acknowledge and support the efforts

of those who fight for our country. I know that the millions of veterans who have already benefited from the labors of the Auxiliary members, as well as those who will do so in the years to come would agree with me when I say that the American Legion Auxiliary has become an example of selflessness and patriotism which all Americans may emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all Members join me in expressing our sincerest gratitude and congratulations to the American Legion Auxiliary as it celebrates 75 years of valuable service to our veterans, our communities, and our Nation.

HONORING THE BEST OF RESTON
AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the individuals and businesses who are this year's winners of the Best of Reston awards. The Best of Reston Community Service Award was created to recognize companies, organizations, and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to community service, and/or who have improved the lives of people in need, in Reston, VA.

Priscilla Ames has delivered 30 years of continuous civic work and community service. She has served the greater Reston community in many capacities: on the Fairfax County Human Services Council, as Reston's director of Community Affairs and Public Information, on Community Advisory Committee of the Embry Rucker Shelter, and as a member of the Community Advisory Committee of the Cameron Glen Care Center. She has been honored by the Reston Rotary Club as their 1990 Citizen of the Year and named Lady Fairfax by Fairfax County in 1990.

Margaret Boyd has been one of Reston's most visible, consistent, and effective advocates for youth, particularly adolescents. Ms. Boyd has served as the Reston coordinator for the Teen Summit. She has also joined initiative in the conception and realization of the Pit Teen Center in Reston. She organized a teen/adult dialog in April 1994 and is planning a Teen Leadership Conference to be held in March 1995. Ms. Boyd is also teacher at Forest Edge Elementary School, an at-large board member for Reston Citizens Association [RCA] and chair of RCA's Youth Committee.

Juanita Cooper has been dedicated to the community, particularly the families and staff of Lake Anne Elementary School. Since 1976, she has nurtured the Lake Anne children. Her belief that every child deserves the chance to reach their potential is reflected in the faces and successes of the children whose lives she has touched.

Carlo and Ana Mejia are professional artisans of considerable experience and accomplishment who fled the war in El Salvador in 1980, bringing with them only their family and one suitcase. They established after-hours ceramic classes for area youth at Forest Edge Elementary School.

Datatel furthers higher education through the Datatel Scholars Foundation and a corporate matching gift program. Datatel also assists a number of local charities. Seven years

ago, Datatel adopted the Embry Rucker Community Shelter giving it some \$1,400 a year for the past 7 years in gifts.

The 1995 recipients of the Business Excellence Award:

Molson Breweries U.S.A. Inc., under the direction of president and chief executive officer John Barnett, have been major support of Wolf Trap Farm Park and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Barnett has been active in his pursuits to enhance the outstanding quality of life in Northern Virginia including: Taste of the Town at Reston Town Center and the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

BTG, now in its 13th year, BTG headed by Dr. Ed Bersoff is a leader in the information industry, with 634 employees and revenues of over \$140 million. BTG is the business partner of Marshall High School, contributes funding and technology support to Hospice of Northern Virginia, and provides both funds and board members to a broad spectrum of community organizations including: Leadership Fairfax, the Women's Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused children, Fairfax Hospital, and Women in Technology.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the Best of Reston award winners for all of their hard work in making their community a better place to live.

TRIBUTE TO QUEENIE MARY
WOOTEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 1995

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Queenie Mary Wooten. Queenie hails from South Carolina. She was born to James and Estella Hunt Corley, and was part of a large, close family. Queenie attributes her success in life to her family, her late husband James Wooten, and her fiancé, Dr. Raymond B. Croskey.

Queenie was educated initially in South Carolina, but graduated from Girls High School in Brooklyn. She received her AAS degree from New York Community College, and her bachelor of science degree from Medgar Evers College.

Ms. Wooten has served in a variety of professional capacities working with children in and outside of the public school system. She currently serves as an associate educational officer in Community School District 19, and is a coordinator of facilities maintenance and temporary housing. Additionally, Queenie is assisting with developing short- and long-range plans for the zoning of School District 19.

Queenie is involved in a number of educational, civic, religious, legislative, professional, and social activities. She is the founder of the Priscilla Wooten Educational Society. Additionally, she is a member of Community Planning Board 5, and is an active member of Grace Baptist Church, which is pastored by Rev. Jacob N. Underwood, Sr.

A recipient of numerous awards for community involvement, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Queenie Mary Wooten.